



William G. Jochens

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Bill Jochens pairs a sophisticated understanding of succession and planning issues with a classic approach to the practice of law — he strives to make clients feel comfortable coming to him with all types of legal and business concerns.

A significant portion of Bill's work deals with succession planning for businesses, acting as part of the client's strategic team. He also handles administration of trusts and estates, estate planning for affluent individuals, charitable giving and probate, trust and fiduciary litigation. Other asset planning issues he assists with include modification of trusts including decanting trusts, insurance and retirement plan issues, creditor protection and corporate-financed life insurance.

Bill has a broad base of legal experience, having litigated probate and non-probate matters and handled corporate and real estate transactions. He represents a number of charitable organizations in the St. Louis area in connection with their planned giving efforts. He speaks to area organizations on estate planning, charitable giving and business succession planning issues.

Education

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1988)
 - Order of the Woolsack
- University of Missouri - Columbia (B.J., 1983)

Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. Tax Court

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Probate, Real Property and Taxation Sections
- The Missouri Bar

Practices & Industries

- Tax-Exempt Organizations
- Trusts & Estates
- Business Succession Planning
- Charitable Planning
- Estate Plans & Tax Planning
- Fiduciary Services
- Marital Agreements
- Private Wealth Services
- Educational, Religious & Tax-Exempt Organizations

- Illinois State Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- St. Louis County Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Archdiocese of St. Louis (*Planned Giving & Endowment Council*)
- Evans Scholar Alumni Association
- St. John Vianney High School (*Advancement Committee*)
- Annual Catholic Appeal (*Chairman, Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church*)

Awards & Honors

- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Trusts and Estates (2022-2026)
- Professional Advisor Award, St. Louis Legacy Awards, St. Louis Planned Giving Council (2011)
- AV Preeminent®, Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™

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